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SUBJECT: WHAT OR WHO IS "ANGOLA ENERGY LTD.?"

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1. BACKGROUND: ANGOL/PETROANGOL OIL EXECUTIVES HERE REACTED WITH SURPRISE, CHAGRIN AND NOTSA LITTLE FEAR TO APPLICATION BY "ANGOLA ENERGY" TO BUILD A REFINERY AT MOCAMEDES IN EXTREME SOUTHERN ANGOLA (REFTEL). THEY FELT THAT PROPOSED PUBLIC RATIONALE NEW REFINERY (USE OF NOT YET FOUND CRUDE FROM SOUTHERN ANGOLA/SW AFRICA) IS ONLY A DODGE, AND THAT MOCAMEDES REFINERY IS REALLY AN ATTEMPT TO DEPRIVE ANGOL/PETROANGOL FUTURE USE OF CABINDA CRUDE. ANGOL/PETROANGOL SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF "ANGOLA ENERGY" APPLICATION HAS STIMULATED PRESS SNIPING AT PROPOSAL.

2. BRITISH CONGEN COMMERCIAL OFFICER HERE HAS RECEIVED WORD FROM F.C.O. THAT "ANGOLA ENERGY" IS LATEST CORPORATE SHELL OF U.K. ENTITY "DIRECTED" BY "THREE AMERICANS AND A BRITON," WITH UNPAID-UP (RPT UNPAID) CAPITALIZATION OF ONLY ONE HUNDRED

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3. "ANGOLA ENERGY" CAPER OBVIOUSLY EITHER A) AUDACIOUS ATTEMPT SECURE IN EFFECT A MARKETABLE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT OR B) A FRONT FOR MORE SUBSTANTIAL TYPES, PERHAPS ONE OR MORE OF THE MAJORS. SINCE HARD TO BELIEVE PORTUGUESE WOULD FALL FOR A), SECOND POSSIBILITY APPEARS MORE LIKELY.

4. AS SOON AS BRITISH HERE SPREAD WORD COMPANY IS A U.S. OUTFIT WE MAY RECEIVE FLACK THEY HAVE BEEN GETTING. ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES CAN FURNISH RE IDENTITY PRINCIPALS AND/OR THEIR ACTIONS OUTSIDE ANGOLA WILL BE WELCOME.
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